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The hon. Sir C. P. RAMASWAMI AYYAR :—" All the conclusions on the main provisions of the proposed project of legislation has been arrived at. There is a sub-committee appointed for the purpose of drafting a Bill. When that Bill is drafted the full Committee will consider that Bill and it will be ready for introduction."

Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO :—" Will the report of the sub-committee be placed on the table ? "

The hon. Sir C. P. RAMASWAMI AYYAR :—" That will be considered."

Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO :—" Has it not already taken three years for the Committee to present its report ? "

• The hon. Sir C. P. RAMASWAMI AYYAR :—" That is so, chronologically."

Motor Vehicles Act

Amendments to the Madras Motor Cab Rules, 1921.

* 1626 Q.—Mr. A. B. SHETTY: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) why amendments to Madras Motor Cab Rules, 1921, are not from time to time published in the *Fort St. George Gazette* just as amendments to the Madras Motor Vehicles Rules, 1923; and

(b) whether an up-to-date edition of "Madras Motor Vehicles Rules, 1923," and "Madras Motor Cab Rules, 1921," will be published by Government and future amendments thereto will also be published in the district gazette of each district of this Presidency in English and vernacular, as also in the *Fort St. George Gazette*?

A.—(a) All amendments are duly published.

(b) The Madras Motor Vehicles Rules, 1923, and Madras Motor Cab Rules, 1921, corrected up to date are being printed in book form and will be available for sale at the Government Press shortly. The Government do not consider it necessary to republish the amendments to the rules in the district gazette. Copies of the amendments are available for sale with the Superintendent, Government Press.

Mr. A. B. SHETTY :—" With reference to clause (b), may I know whether, in view of the fact that better and wider publicity can be given to the amendments by publishing them in the district gazette, Government will reconsider this matter ? "

The hon. Sir C. P. RAMASWAMI AYYAR :—" I was not aware that the district gazette was such a popular publication, but as the hon. Member will perceive, we could not reprint these rules and make them available in an accessible form to the public."

Mr. A. B. SHETTY :—" My question is with regard to future amendments."

The hon. Sir C. P. RAMASWAMI AYYAR :—" If publication in the district gazette turns out to be the proper means of publicity, the Government will consider that matter; but at present the Government do not consider that publishing these rules in the district gazette is the best means of securing publicity for the rules."

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Mr. A. B. SHETTY :—" May I know whether the district gazette is not meant for such purposes ? "

The hon. Sir C. P. RAMASWAMI AYYAR :—" Many a literature meant for publicity did not obtain publicity that way."

Police

Alleged records against Mr. Ryan.

1627 Q.—Mr. S. ARPUDASWAMI UDAYAR : With reference to question No. 1411 answered at the Council meeting dated 25th January 1928, will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether C.I.D. records against an individual are the outcome of an inquiry based on oral and documentary evidence ;

(b) when and under what circumstances these records were prepared against Mr. Ryan ;

(c) whether C.I.D. records unfavourable to an individual are communicated to all members of the Police (1) throughout the Presidency, (2) throughout India ;

(d) whether the existence of such records against a person entitles the Police, besides watching the conduct of the individual concerned, to communicate confidentially such records or the substance of such records to the heads of Government departments or to the presidents of the public bodies, suggesting that proper enquiries might be made about the antecedents of the person ;

(e) whether, besides the case of Mr. Ryan, there are other specific instances of such a procedure as that referred to in (d) above ;

(f) whether, on the failure of the Police to substantiate and prove in a court of law any one of the charges contained in such confidential records, it is the policy of the C.I.D. to make fresh enquiries to test and validate and revise and correct the records in their possession ;

(g) whether there is any evidence that such a course was adopted by the Madras Police when the case of the Delhi Police under section 406 referred to in clause (b) of question No. 1411 ended in acquittal ;

(h) whether he will place on the table either the office letter of the Town Circle Inspector to the District Superintendent of Police, Trichinopoly, applying for permission to suggest to the Chairman, Municipal Council, Trichinopoly, that proper enquiries might be made about the antecedents of Mr. Ryan, or the orders passed direct by the District Superintendent of Police, if the latter course was adopted requiring the Town Circle Inspector to suggest to the chairman that such enquiries be made ;

(i) what was the date of this order referred to in (h) and how many days subsequent to the announcement in the district gazette of the appointment of the Municipal Engineer ; and

(j) whether such a course was adopted by the District Superintendent of Police, Trichinopoly, *suo moto* or in response to any letter from the Chairman, Municipal Council ?

A.—(a) to (g) The Government are not prepared to answer these questions.

(h) to (j) The Government have no information ; they have called for it.